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Library Web Page @ the library™

Are you aware that the Lynchburg Public Library has a web page? You can find us on the web at www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary

On our website you will find items of interest to everyone from children to senior citizens. Our Library Calendar will keep you informed of events at the library such as children's storytimes, and the adult book discussion group meetings.

The Electronic Resources icon will link you to magazine databases such as **EbscoHost** and **Electric Library**, as well as direct you to a wide variety of links that will both inform and entertain you. You may also access the library's catalog and renew books you have checked out, or place holds on books you would like to read. So next time you turn on your computer, take a few minutes to peruse our site. And let us know how you like it!



Magazine Databases Available @ the library™

EbscoHost and **Electric Library** are available both on library computers and from our web page. Click on Electronic Resources to access both of these.

EbscoHost provides full-text articles from thousands of magazines and newspapers. Besides the general Master File Premier database, EbscoHost provides a Business Source database, a Health Source Plus database, ERIC, and other specialty databases. Your ZIP code is your password.

Electric Library's database contains more than 150 full-text newspapers and hundreds of full-text magazines, as well as reference books, transcripts of radio and television programs, pictures and maps. Your library card is your password.



Speaking of Books @ the library™

The first meeting of **Speaking of Books**, our adult book discussion group, was held on Wednesday, January 17. Fifty-six people attended, enjoyed homemade cookies

and beverages, and discussed Kent Haruf's *Plainsong*. We plan to make **Speaking of Books** a monthly event, meeting the third Wednesday of each month at 1 PM in the library's Community Room. Books to be discussed at future meetings are:

Feb. 21 – *Rose's Garden* by Carrie Brown

Mar. 21 – *Her Own Place* by Dori Sanders

April 18 – *Lost in Place: Growing up*

Absurd in Suburbia by Mark Salzman

May 16 – *The Mists of Avalon* by Marion Zimmer Bradley

June 20 – *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez

For more information, call 847-1566



Key Chain Cards Available @ the library™

Are you always digging through your purse or wallet trying to find your library card? If so, you may want to consider purchasing a convenient key chain card. The card fits on your key chain just like a MVP or Kroger Plus card. The cost is only \$1.00 and all proceeds benefit *The Friends of the Library*. Any staff member at the Circulation Desk will be happy to assist you with your purchase.

Ona Dowdy - Circulation



Tax Assistance @ the library™

Once again the AARP is offering tax assistance at both branches of the Lynchburg Public Library. Beginning February 1 and continuing through April 14, tax assistance will be offered in the following locations:

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 AM-12:30 PM –
Downtown Branch Library

Friday and Saturday 9:30 AM-1:00 PM –
Main Library (Plaza)



New Exhibit in Martin Luther King, Jr. Center @ the library™

The new exhibit in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center will be officially opened on February 23. A public program will be held from 12 noon - 1:00 PM in the area in front of the King Center.

The exhibit is being created by the staff of the Old City Cemetery. It will feature pictures and explanatory text about the prominent African Americans who are buried there and who were forerunners of the civil rights movement in the 1960's. These individuals date from the early 1800's through 1940 and include politicians, educators, and businessmen, among others.

The opening will coincide with the release of a new book by Ted Delaney, of the Cemetery staff, and Phillip Wayne Rhodes of the Jones Library. They have collaborated on a book, *Free Blacks of Lynchburg Virginia, 1805-1865*. This information will be invaluable to genealogists. The book will be available by the end of February.



"What's up Downtown?" or News from the Branch Library

The AARP tax preparers are already in full swing. It is a great service, and helps to bring a few new faces into the Branch.

Our Black History Month display was kindly provided by Mr. Cornell Morton. He has a wealth of knowledge and materials related to Black pioneers of Aviation, including the Tuskegee Airmen. We have an interesting display with several large photographs. This display was too large for the case, so we expanded to the wall. Please stop by and see it.

Four students from The Jubilee Family Development Center will serve internships at the Law Library during the month of February. They are in a career development program and have expressed interest in the law. Each student will spend one week of afternoons at the Branch. They will rotate to the offices of three local attorneys to get a well-rounded peek at the legal profession. We hope this will be the beginning of a regular program of cooperation with the Jubilee Center. The Center is doing a great job with these young people, and deserves all the help and support we can give them.

Marilyn Martin - Downtown Branch Library



Youth Services Winter/Spring Storytime Programs @ the library™

The library offers a variety of storytime programs that are designed for children of all ages. The storytimes are based on seasonal and high interest themes and are developed for specific age groups. Children enjoy a well-rounded storytime experience which includes any combination of books, songs, fingerplays, flannel board stories, puppets and props.

There are still a few openings in the **Tales for Two** sessions on Monday or Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. These storytimes are specifically designed for children ages 24-35 months. Registration is required.

Preschool Storytimes still have a few openings for children ages 3-5 years on Tuesday at 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. or Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Registration is required.

Born to Read is a monthly lapsit program for children under the age of two that meets on the second Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Registration is not required.

Bedtime Storytimes are for families with children of all ages and are held the first Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. Registration is not required.

Please call 847-1717 or visit the Youth Services department for more information. We look forward to serving your children with our storytimes.

Lorry Risinger – Youth Services

Nationally-Known Author to Speak in Lynchburg

Jan Karon, author of the "Mitford" series, will be speaking at E.C. Glass High School auditorium on April 23 at 7 PM. Doors will open at 6 PM.

Tickets will be \$10.00 each and will be available on March 1 at several yet-to-be-determined locations throughout the area.

A limited number of autographed copies of Ms. Karon's newest book, *A Common Life: The Wedding Story* will be available for purchase.

For more information, call Helen Newbold at 384-5910.

“Standards of Conduct” codified at the Lynchburg Public Library

The library has recently implemented *Standards of Conduct*. Flyers are available at all of the public service desks defining the standards of conduct expected of users of the library. The following behaviors are not permitted in the library:

- Eating or drinking
- Smoking
- Leaving children unattended
- Using cell phones
- Touching, harassing or threatening patrons and/or staff
- Misusing and/or damaging library property
- Talking loudly or making excessive noise
- Displaying intoxication
- Sleeping
- Soliciting
- Running
- Carrying weapons
- Bringing animals, other than service animals, into the library

Books in Spanish @ the library™

The reference staff has recently had requests for books in Spanish. Currently the following titles are available:

La Casa de los espíritus – Isabel Allende

En el tiempo de las mariposas – Julia Alvarez

El arroyo de la Llorona y otros cuentos – Sandra Cisneros

Cuentos de amor, de locura y de muerte – Horacio Quiroga

El laberinto de la soledad – Octavio Paz

If you speak Spanish, or know someone who does, please stop in and check out one of our new Spanish language books. Please let us know if you would like to see additional titles added.



@ the library™

Are you looking for a recommendation on what to read next? Go to our web page (www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary) and subscribe to the Lynchburg Public Library's Online Book Club! Over two thousand libraries in the United States and Canada now offer this service to library patrons and community members. Every day, Monday through Friday, you will receive an e-mail

excerpt from a popular book. Selections take about five minutes to read, and if you are sufficiently intrigued by the e-mail you may reserve the book by calling the library or by placing a hold online from our webpage.

Past selections have included both fiction and non-fiction books such as *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson, and *Left Behind* by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins. The library is keeping a notebook of some past selections, and we welcome you to browse through it before deciding whether or not to sign up. The library is sent a list of upcoming books periodically so that we will be certain to have the selected titles in our collection.

If you have Internet access, you may sign up by clicking on the Online Book Club icon on the library's web page. If you have e-mail, but not Internet access, you may sign up by visiting the library reference desk or by calling 847-1566 and giving us your e-mail address.



Friends of the Library

It was the Friends who started the campaign to provide all the citizens of Lynchburg with a public library. By becoming a Friend, you continue to support the library. Annually the Friends contribute more than \$20,000 directly to the library, providing

- Copy machines and a coin changer as a service to the patrons and a fund raiser for the Friends.
- An endowment fund to assure library funding regardless of federal, state, and local funding fluctuations.
- Advocacy for the public library at the local, state and national levels.
- Funding for a volunteer coordinator in a program for extending library services.
- Canvas tote bags with the Friends' logo available for all library patrons to purchase.
- Programs, materials, and books.
- Key chain library cards



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - 2000 YEAR-END REPORT

During 2000, 75 people volunteered at Lynchburg Public Library for a total of 3,505 ½ hours. Using dollar-value figures supplied by the Virginia Employment Commission State Data Center, this volunteer time is valued at \$57,677.

Volunteers work in all departments and many volunteers work every week. The Circulation Department has four volunteers who clean videos daily and books weekly. Two volunteers prepare Outreach materials for delivery each month to twenty senior residence units such as Westminster-Canterbury and Meadowbrook, and assist with their delivery. One volunteer processes all gift materials.

Several volunteers work in Technical Services preparing new books for circulation, processing old books for withdrawal, mending books, and working on the computer. A few new volunteers are now helping patrons with computer use in the Adult Services Department, and two college students shifted thousands of books and magazines as space is reorganized.

Thirty teens volunteered over 410 hours in Youth Services during the summer, assisting staff with the Summer Reading Program. Several Liberty University students perform their required Christian Service hours working in Youth Services as well. The Branch Library has two long-term volunteers who work every week doing a variety of jobs.

Many of the 75 volunteers have been short-term, but fifteen of the volunteers are regulars who work every week, some more than one day a week. Together, the 15 long-term regulars have worked over 9,800 hours since the program's inception in 1995.

Chris Verilla – Volunteer Coordinator



Volunteer of the Month

Lewis Brown has a long history of volunteer service; he first volunteered at Greenville Memorial Hospital in 1982 and was the first to contribute over 3,180 hours to that organization. Since 1997, he has donated over 2,215 hours at Lynchburg Public Library; currently he is working every day cleaning videos for the Circulation Department.

Lewis was born in Lynchburg, the last child born into the manse at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church. His father, Dr. Henry Dockery Brown, Jr., was the minister there, his first posting after graduation from the seminary. When Lewis was three his father was assigned a church in Richmond and the family lived there until 1947. The Browns then moved to Rock Hill, South Carolina where Lewis graduated from high school in 1951.

From 1956 until 1963 the family lived in Way Cross, Georgia. While there, Lewis started his own lawn mowing service and worked at that until the family moved to Emporia, Virginia. From 1965 until 1983 Lewis was employed at the garment factory in Emporia and began to volunteer at Greenville Memorial Hospital on March 29, 1982.

Lewis moved back to Lynchburg in 1986 when his parents retired and moved to Westminster-Canterbury. Lewis became a volunteer at Westminster-Canterbury in 1986 and also volunteered at the old Lynchburg Nursing Home. He has also volunteered at the Medical Care Center, Lynchburg General Hospital and Virginia Baptist Hospital. In 1997 he joined the volunteer program at the library.

Lewis now lives at Jefferson House and visits his mother at Westminster-Canterbury every day. His mother, Jane Douglass Summers Brown, recently celebrated her 98th birthday surrounded by family and friends. Lewis remains a unique individual, loyal volunteer and good friend.
Chris Verilla – Volunteer Coordinator

Tell Us What You Think

This is the first issue of our library newsletter. We'd like to know what you think of it, and what you'd like to see in future issues. Call us at 847-1566, or e-mail us at michaci@ci.lynchburg.va.us

Library Hours

Main – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday – 9:30 AM-5:30 PM
 Tuesday, Thursday – 9:30 AM-9:00 PM

Downtown Branch – Monday-Friday 9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Closed Monday, February 19 for Presidents Day

Main Library

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 Lynchburg, VA 24501

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 Returns, Library Cards 847-1565
 Reference and Information 847-1566
 Youth Services 847-1717
 Administration and
 Technical Services 847-1577
 Volunteer Program 847-1577

Downtown Branch and Law Library

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